

# OF NOTE

## Meetings

★ **Tuskegee Airmen**  
The local chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen meets **April 22**, 5:30-7 p.m., in the banquet room of the Sirloin Stockade, 4016 Menaul Boulevard Northeast. Guest speakers are retired Col. Dick Toliver, a former F-4 pilot, and retired Senior Master Sgt. John Allen, a former nuclear munitions specialist. Cost is \$7.49 for barbecue night all-you-can-eat buffet. Please contact Major Kevin Hughes for more information at 846-9598.

## Miscellanea

★ **Child car seat clinic**  
A free clinic on child safety seats is **April 15**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Commissary. Bring your child, carseat and vehicle for an inspection of proper installation and use.

★ **Manzano Bridge**  
A contractor begins repairs on the shoulder of Manzano Bridge today. **Tomorrow**, the bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic with flagmen directing traffic in both directions. Follow the flaggers' directions and drive carefully.

★ **AF assistance fund**  
TEAM KIRTLAND raised \$3,600 in the first week of the Air Force Assistance Fund that began March 31. Events are scheduled to continuing aiming at the goal of raising \$56,741 in the next month. A team will pump gas for donations at the East Shoppette, **tomorrow** and **April 17, 21** and **25**. Sale of Krispy Kreme donuts, **April 18**, 6:30-9 a.m., at the Maxwell and Gibson child development centers

and at Consolidated Support Building. Touchdown event for all TEAM KIRTLAND includes burger burn, **April 25**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Bicentennial Park. Burgers are sold and other refreshments are free. Contact your unit project officer or 1st Lt. Doug Chilson at 846-3100.

★ **Free massages**  
The massage therapists at America's Massage are offering free massages to military personnel, firemen and police. Owner David Paper initiated the campaign as a sign of community support for the American troops and the men and women of the Albuquerque police and fire departments. The campaign through **April 30** provides 15-20-minute chair massages **Tuesdays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**, 9 a.m.-noon. For a free appointment, call 292-4076.

★ **Airman's Attic**  
The Airman's Attic wants your donations of serviceable furniture and household items for Airmen who need help setting up their households or expanding their household because of the birth of a new family member. To donate or to check out items, visit the Airman's Attic at 8351 M Avenue, Building 20411, west of Wyoming Boulevard and on the left. Operating hours are the **first** and **fourth Saturdays** each month and by ppointments with squadron first sergeants. The Airman's Attic cannot accept clothes or toys. Donated items must be in working order and good repair. Call Master Sgt. William H. Long, 846- 0449.

★ **A/C changeover**  
The 377th Civil Engineers, Chugach Manage-

ment Services, JV, and Honeywell announce that preparations are under way to ensure that cooling is available as the weather begins to warm. On **April 14**, technicians from the sections begin turning off heating equipment and turning on air conditioning. Complete changeover is expected by **May 9**. All headquarters facilities, dormitories and other high-use facilities will be prioritized for the service. Any problems with service should be directed to the Civil Engineers service call desk, 846-8222.

★ **Parkinson's Walk**  
Tom Berdine, a contractor in the 377th Air Base Wing's Communications Division, is leading a national team of young onset Parkinson's Disease patients and supporters headed to New York City **April 26**. The team is participating in the Ninth Annual Parkinson's Unity Walk that raises awareness of the disease. Berdine, a former technical sergeant in the Air Force, was diagnosed March 2000 with the disease. The 36-year-old Albuquerque resident and native New Mexican helped raise \$19,000 to take the team to the national walk in New York.

Berdine is currently working at Kirtland AFB, installing the new Smart Card readers.

## Personnel

★ **Access Card**  
Appointments to get your Common Access Card at the Military Personnel Flight are being made online at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler/kirtland/>. The new DOD identification card is required for all military, civilian and designated contractor personnel who work at Kirtland AFB. Retirees and family members will not require the card that provides information needed for computer access, facility access and travel voucher

filing. Mass Issuance to all eligible employees began April 1. Appointments are available **weekdays**, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

★ **Official e-mail**  
To access your base e-mail account when you are off Kirtland AFB, you must use a new URL **April 18**. The e-mail account link on the Kirtland AFB Web site will no longer appear . The only way to access base e-mail will be by typing a new address: <https://webmail.kirtland.af.mil>. Call 846-5926.

★ **SARS limits travel**  
DOD personnel may make mission-essential only trips to China and Hong Kong because of the threat of severe acute respiratory syndrome, U.S. Pacific Command officials announced. All Hong Kong port visits by U.S. Navy ships are deferred until the restriction has been lifted. The travel advisory also includes Singapore, Hanoi, Vietnam. The global outbreak poses a potential risk to military personnel similar to other infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, flu and measles.

★ **Thrift Savings Plan**  
Thrift Savings Plan accounts open season is **April 15-June 30**. Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at [www.dfas.mil/emss/](http://www.dfas.mil/emss/) or by completing the form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers. Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings Web site at [www.tsp.gov/](http://www.tsp.gov/) or the BEST homepage at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm) and for Air Force military personnel at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm).

All Air Force-serviced civilian employees must make their TSP contribution elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at 800-997-2378. Hearing impaired employees may contact BEST by calling TDD 800-382-0893 or 565-2276. Counselors are available weekdays, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Mountain Time. The BEST Employee Benefits Information System Web application is located at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS).

## Recruiting

★ **Volunteers**  
During National Volunteer Week, Kirtland AFB honors all volunteers at its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Cookout, **May 2**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Rio Grande Community Center.

★ **Blood drives**  
United Blood Services conducts blood drives on Kirtland AFB. Scheduled drives are at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Aberdeen and Carlisle, **April 17**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The Bloodmobile visits Sandia National Laboratories, **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

★ **Vehicle decals**  
Decals for vehicles entering Kirtland AFB are available at Security Forces Pass and Registration at the Consolidated Support Building.Units doing their own registration using Security Forces Management Information Systems must place their orders at 846-6429. Individuals must have vehicle registration, proof of insurance, drivers license, identification card and emissions tests for vehicle years 1975-2001 registered out of Bernalillo County. If you orderly room-issued decals, visit your orderly room to obtain one. Call 846-6429 if you have vehicle registration questions.